



RAC GOLF COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes – Club Room

March 31, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM,

Members Present, Carolyn Bethea, Denis Bluett, Carolyn Clark, Dick Green, Joe Law, Marty O’Neill, Molly Walker. And of course, Ron Larkin, Director of Golf, Racquet Sports, and Hospitality. Members Maryanne Wellander and Ted Roberts were excused.

Minutes of the February meeting were approved via lack of any change request.

Ron Larkin reported :

- a. Plans to irrigate the greens on April 17. Edges of greens will be reviewed at the same time.
- b. “Play with the pro” (from Vinoy) is cancelled due to a death at her club. The date will be rescheduled.
- c. A golf outing is scheduled for Memory Care on April 8th at 1:00 PM.
- d. Plans are in progress for an invitational golf outing with a sister senior living facility in May. It will be a scramble format. Details to follow.
- e. We received a recognition letter from FSGA (Florida State Golf Association). We do not have an official course rating. FSGA does not provide this for “executive length courses”. Freedom Fairways will be responsible for providing handicaps for Freedom Fairways members...only.
- f. The wet ground to the right of the 1st green was caused by a leaking sprinkler. This was repaired.
- g. The new hot dog machine in the clubhouse is set up and working. I tried one after the meeting and it was great. Missing only the chopped onion

- h. The Club now has hats with the Freedom Plaza logo. But, they don't say Freedom Fairways. The are displayed in the club house for sale.
- i. At the request of the Audubon Society the Committee voted unanimously to participate in the location of several birdhouses for the eastern blue birds (who like open area as opposed to dense woods). We would also provide half the boxes. Ron will convey this decision to them. Molly Walker volunteered the donation of a bird box not in use.
- j. The area between number 12 green, thirteen tee, and 14 fairway is now scheduled for cleanup of the landscaped area.

Dick Green reported that the lady's tee at hole 15 needs some shrubs along the cart path to encourage the use of the new walking path to the tee box. This walking path, installed last month, was a great improvement in the appearance.

Marty O'Neill suggested moving the air pump back into the shrubs to improve the appearance of the golf entrance to the clubhouse. Ron agreed to address it.

Also suggested felling a large dead pine tree overhanging the cart parking area at the 8th green...for safety reasons. Ron agreed to address this also.

Committee discussed the need for a practice/warm up area that would accommodate several players at a time. The present "cage" is unsightly and only accommodates one player at a time. Ron has been reviewing possibilities and will review these with Siby to see if we can settle on a plan for suitable equipment, location, and possibilities for funding it.

Also discussed the several dead oak trees between holes 14 and 15. These will be Siby's decision. The county requires that removed oak trees be replaced, but not necessarily at the same locations.

Also discussed the need for a plan for periodic bridge repair and eventual replacement. None exists today.

Also discussed the need for more attention to the stakes for marking out-of-bounds and other lateral hazards.

Adjournment was at 2:15.

Marty O'Neill, Chair/Secretary

